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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Atomic/Biological/Chemical Division, OSI

ATTENTION:

FROM:

Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

SUBJECT:

Search for Reported Nuclear Reactor,  
Peiping, China

REFERENCES:

Requirement No. OSI/R 192/63  
CIA Project No. C 646-63

1. A further study of the Peiping area for the reported reactor ostensibly operated by the Tsinghua University revealed that there is a large, isolated building located about 4000 feet north of the university near an abundant supply of water. The construction of this building began after 1959. The characteristics of this building appear to be the same as that of an ordinary institutional type building. It has no identifying features by which it would be possible to confirm or deny that a small research reactor might be located in this building.

2. In this connection, collateral indicates that the Peiping reactor site is operated by the Tsinghua University. It is entirely

A search of this site already revealed a probable second research reactor (reported in ABCB 123/63). A further study of the area indicates that still another large high-bay building with a large stack nearby that has a possible filter at the top, and what appears to be a spray pond is located in area adjacent and south of the first reactor. The location and characteristics of this building, the abundant supply of water available, security of the area, the associated tall stack (not emitting smoke) merits the consideration that a possible third research type reactor building may be a component of this Peiping complex.

3. The following photographic missions and maps were used in the search:

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4. The photo analyst on this project is [REDACTED]  
He may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should there be any further  
questions regarding this project.

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5. This memorandum answers the referenced requirement and  
the project is considered complete.

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